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**Jen
Greenberg**
RELEASED!

Every day that I spent in Rikers, I thought about how lucky I was to receive such gracious support from the outside world. I was never short on reading material and every piece of

mail I got helped so much in taking me away from loneliness for a few minutes. At this point I would like to say directly, a thousand thanks to everyone who took the time to write to me at any point of my incarceration. It makes a huge difference to anyone on the inside and helps to keep them sane when the rest of their world is telling them that they are “criminals” in need of “rehabilitation.” There are a handful of animal rights activists imprisoned at this time, and plenty of Earth Liberation, Indigenous, and Party + Protest prisoners who deserve our support, and we can’t let them down. Take a minute to jot a quick note, or if you have the resources, send them a book or a few dollars for their commissary. It will mean the world to them.

Until all are free,
Jen

Josh Schwartz
RELEASED!

Throughout my incarceration on Riker's Island, the one time every day that I looked forward to was 3pm: mail time. When I heard the gates open, before our names were

even called, I'd run up to wait for my letters, and always went back with a smile on my face. Every day I would have new inspiring stories of people's activism, make a new friend, or regain contact with an old one. Every day I was reminded that I was not alone and given courage to face the next. Because of your support, I emerged from "the worst prison in America" as I am today - stronger, smarter, and more convinced than ever that what we are fighting for is right. For those I cannot thank individually, my heart and thoughts go out in thanks to you every day. For those who are hearing from me for the first time, the fact that you are reading this now means that you are already active, but please, on behalf of the dozens of activists and billions of animals imprisoned across the world - you are the only hope. Whether you choose to write a letter to a prisoner, attend a protest, or take direct action, you are ensuring the survival of our movement and moving us one step closer to victory. Whatever path you choose, remember to keep fighting!

Josh



balacava and on clothing worn by Cass on the day of his attack. In August 2001, shortly before the trial was due to begin, the prosecution offered Dave a deal of that would ensure, at most, 5 years imprisonment for pleading guilty. Considering the evidence he faced, Dave accepted and was sentenced to 3 years.

Dave Blenkinsop is the man famous for clocking the hated Brain Cass (HLS's managing director) upside the head with an axe stave. This one action changed the very tone of the HLS campaign and sent trepidation through the entire vivisection

industry. Many researchers longed for the days of the ALF and SHAC (with them all you get is a broken window or a 3AM wake up call).

Dave was arrested May 23, 2001 for attacking Cass on February 22 of that year and faced life imprisonment. The principal evidence against him was DNA recovered from a balaclava found close to the scene, and fibers on items of clothing and baseball bats that matched fibers found on the

Shortly after he was charged with attacking Cass, Dave was also charged with the burglary of 600 guinea pigs from Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm in September 1999. Again, DNA was recovered from a fragment of latex glove found at Newchurch. Although this was the only evidence against Dave, it might well have been enough to convict him. Dave pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months.

Just when it seemed it was all finally over, the police arrested Dave in prison on suspicion of possession of explosives and causing an explosion in relation to an arson at the slaughterhouse Mutch Meats, where ten incendiary devices were placed under meat lorries, destroying one of them (the others did not go off). DNA matching Dave's was recovered from one of the devices that did not go off.

The troubles didn't end there. The police visited Dave in prison again and charged him with more explosions in relation to the 5 arson attacks on cars

belonging to workers at Huntingdon Life Sciences in August 2000. Fibers found on a device which failed to ignite allegedly matched fibers found in Dave's jacket pocket at the time of his arrest for attacking Cass. Additionally, the devices were of similar design as those found at Mutch Meats. These charges were added to the Mutch Meats charges and Dave was facing 5 counts of arson, 10 counts of conspiracy to cause arson, and 2 counts of possessing explosives.

The prosecution offered Dave another deal, and he accepted, knowing that, although the case against him was not strong, it was unlikely he would be completely exonerated. Dave pleaded guilty to one charge of possessing explosives and was sentenced to 5 ½ years to run consecutively with his other terms.

Dave has been sentenced to a total of ten years in prison, starting May 23, 2001 and will first become eligible for parole in May of 2006. If he does not get parole then he will be released on license after a total of 6 years and 8 months in February 2008.

Regardless of how you feel about Dave's actions, please understand his motivation to end the greater injustice of animal cruelty. Kind and uplifting letters of **SUPPORT** are appreciated.

DIARY OF

june - november

ACTION

In order to include a comprehensive diary, communiques had to be edited and some actions were removed. Complete writeups can be found on: www.DirectAction.info



liberations.

06/16/03 (SWEDEN) Two zebra-mice rescued from pet shop.

07/08/03 (GERMANY) 75 hens liberated from farms over a few months by Project Liberated Animals

07/12/03 (NEW ZEALAND) Two chickens rescued from a broiler farm in Henderson Valley. The following week 20 hens were liberated from a battery hen farm in South Auckland.

07/13/03 (GERMANY) 30 baby hens taken in open rescue from a factory farm.

07/13/03 (AUSTRALIA) ALF cut and removed a large section of electrified fencing hampering a kanga cull.

07/23/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF raided a fur farm and 3500 animals were freed. "We started opening the cages and soon the ground by our feet was filled with curious mink anxious to get free."

07/27/03 (SPAIN) The 'Frente de Liberación Animal' (Spanish ALF) raided a rabbit farm in Valencia.

07/27/03 (SWEDEN) DBF freed 62 rabbits from a farm, covered house and shed with slogans.

07/30/03 (UK) Thousands freed from a Hampshire Pheasant farm. Tractors and other vehicles damaged.

07/31/03 (FINLAND) 12 hens freed from a battery farm.

08/01/03 (AUSTRIA) Nine chickens taken in an open rescue.

08/04/03 (SPAIN) Five mink freed in second visit to the fur farm.

08/13/03 (NORWAY) 3 dogs liberated from a vivisection breeding facility.

08/14/03 (SWEDEN) 150 partridges released and slogans spray-painted at a shooting estate.

08/25/03 (SWEDEN) Five rabbits liberated from a rabbit meat farm.

08/26/03 (USA) The ALF liberated 10,000 mink from a fur farm in Washington.

09/01/03 (ITALY) 3500 minks liberated by the ALF from a fur farm.

09/06/03 (NETHERLANDS) Thousands of mink released, cages destroyed, & windows smashed in a daylight raid.

09/16/03 (USA) Four ducks taken in an open rescue from Sonoma foie gras farm.

09/18/03 (SWEDEN) 40 hens rescued from a farm, and machinery and thousands of eggs destroyed.

09/21/03 (FINLAND) Finland's biggest liberation: more than 7000 mink liberated from a fur farm.

09/21/03 (SWEDEN) A beagle liberated from a vivisection lab. A lab employee pepper sprayed.

09/22/03 (SPAIN) 300 rabbits rescued from a vivisection breeder. Slogans were spray-painted.

09/28/03 (BELGIUM) 3500 mink freed from a fur farm.

10/10/03 (ITALY) 18,000 mink released from fur farm.



sabotage.

05/22 - 6/03/03 (SWEDEN) 2 fur shops spray-painted, vivisector's home painted, fur shop windows etched, hunting platforms destroyed, angling shop windows smashed.

06/03/03 (NETHERLANDS) A car at a mink farm in Zeist firebombed.

06/05/03 (USA) HLS client AMEC attacked in Kentucky. Windshield & sides of an AMEC truck and office wall spray-painted, an electronic security keypad and lock glued.

06/06/03 (UK) Asahi Glass (HLS client), had locks glued & directors cars vandalized.

06/10/03 (NETHERLANDS) Activists vandalized ABN AMRO (banks connected to BPRC primate center).

06/11/03 (SWEDEN) Chinchilla farmer had his windows smashed.

06/12/03 (UK) A Sankyo (HLS client) director's house spray-painted & new Jaguar was vandalized.

06/16/03 (UK) A parcel labeled "a gift from the ALF" was left outside Act Tech UK Ltd. More than 100 employees were evacuated & roads sealed off. Half of the days production was lost.

06/18/03 (ITALY) A company related to Morini farm super-glued and spray-painted.

06/21/03 (SPAIN) Slogans Spray-painted at a pig farm.

06/22/03 (SWEDEN) The home and car of vivisector was spray-painted with slogans.

06/22/03 (NEW ZEALAND) The ALF spray-painted slogans and glued locks at KFC, McDonalds, etc.

06/23/03 (SWEDEN) Two primate researchers had paint poured on houses.

06/23/03 (USA) Legacy, HLS market maker, has director's house covered in paint and phone/computer lines cut.

06/24/03 (UK) Sankyo director's house painted, Yamanouchi director's neighborhood sprayed painted, British Toxicology Society had new 4x4 covered with slogans.

06/27/03 (SWEDEN) Home of a vivisector was covered with spray-painted slogans.

06/29/03 (NETHERLANDS) Yamanouchi manager's car was spray-painted, had tires slashed, windows etched.

06/29/03 (USA) McDonalds spray-painted and windows smashed in NJ.

06/30/03 (AUSTRIA) Over 100 circus signs destroyed.

06/30/03 (NETHERLANDS) Chicken slaughterhouse burned, resulting in millions of dollars in damage.

07/01/03 (NORWAY) The DFF firebombed a fur feed/fabric storage facility.

07/03/03 (UK) HLS supplier, LIG, director has car vandalized.

07/08/03 (IRELAND) Circus Vegas posters were removed, covered with "Cancelled" stickers, & spray-painted. One truck also vandalized.

07/09/03 (SWEDEN) Fur shop owner had his home spray-painted with slogans.

07/09/03 (UK) Newchurch Mania: Vivisectors who use Newchurch guineas had credit cards stolen and thousands of pounds charged to them. Employees homes painted, cars vandalized, fireworks set off, and marbles poured on steps.

07/10/03 (UK) 2 Sumitomo (HLS client) employees had their homes painted and cars vandalized.

07/13/03 (UK) 2 bomb scares against HLS employees.

07/15/03 (UK) Laundry service to Huntingdon Life Sciences had 13 vehicles vandalized.

07/19/03 (UK) John Parker's poultry farm had equipment vandalized, 1000's of eggs smashed, 100's of cages, belts, feeding tools destroyed, all light bulbs smashed, cables cut and locks glued.

07/20/03 (UK) 2 directors from Gregory Associates (drug licensing for HLS) visited. Cars vandalized.

07/20/03 (USA) Home of Daryl Dorcy, an employee & lobbyist for Abbott Labs (HLS client), vandalized.

07/23/03 (NETHERLANDS) An ABN AMRO bank in Amsterdam and four in Arnhem vandalized to protest the bank's connection with the primate center BPRC.

07/25/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF placed incendiary devices in an empty fur farm in Bjornhult. The owner was planning to begin farming minks.

07/26/03 (GERMANY) Nippon (HLS client) had walls covered with red paint and slogans.

Research Facility had 3 gas chambers, a cigarette-smoking machine and other equipment destroyed. Red paint was spashed everywhere, and computers were destroyed.

09/25/03 (USA) Revolutionary Cells bomb Shaklee Corp. (subsidiary of HLS client Yamanouchi). Windows were blown out but nobody was injured. Communique threatened future violence.

09/03/03 (UK) 3 directors of Mitsui Sumitomo (HLS client) had cars vandalized.

09/03/03 (NORWAY) The DFF burned down a fur feed co-op.

09/05/03 (UK) F2 Chemicals director has house and car covered in red paint.

09/07/03 (NEW ZEALAND) BPRC director and employee have locks glued and homes vandalized. Activists broke a window at the home of Ronald Bontrop (director of the primate center BPRC). Another BPRC employee had his locks glued and his house decorated with paint.

09/09/03 (SWEDEN) Vivisector Ingrid Stromberg's home vandalized.

09/10/03 (UK) Asahi Glass rep. (HLS client) had car vandalized

09/16/03 (ITALY) An electricity building owned by Solvay(HLS client) torched by the ALF.

09/16/03 (ITALY) A Marine vivisection center had 3 gates glued and vandalized.

09/17/03 (UK) F2 Chemicals director (HLS client) had fireworks shot over his house & his driveway was painted.

09/17/03-10/01/03 (NEW ZEALAND)
The ALF was busy correcting billboards; spray-painting and gluing the locks of KFC, a meat wholesaler and a poultry processor in Dunedin; super-gluing the locks at 15 fast food restaurants, butchers and other exploitive businesses in Auckland; redecorating butchers' trucks with paintstripper; and spray-painting a milk truck and a Cancer Society shop in Wellington.

09/29/03 (SWEDEN) A fur farm feed producer had 3 trucks and a storage building fire bombed.

09/29/03 (SWEDEN) A leather shop had its windows smashed and paint thrown over the merchandise.

10/01/03 (RUSSIA) The ALF spray-painted slogans at three fur stores and one hunting shop in Moscow.

10/01/03 (GERMANY) The sales director of CRP (monkey breeder for vivisection) was hit with two buckets of red paint.

10/02/03 (USA) The Santa Monica, California home and car of the head of Animal Services for Los Angeles was splattered with red paint.

10/03/03 (USA) The credit card numbers of some Chiron employees were used to spend almost \$25,000 on concert tickets (Celine Dion), household appliances, etc.

10/09/03 (SWEDEN) The owner of two McDonalds restaurants in Umea had his car spray-painted and his car port covered in paint.

10/12/03 (SWEDEN) The DBF smashed windows and sprayed slogans on a Swedish hunting association building in Umea.

10/16/03 (NEW ZEALAND) The ALF super-glued 23 locks of various animal abusers (butchers, fish shops, leather shop, milk trucks) in Auckland. The locks at two police stations were also glued.





BY
rod coronado.

HYPOCRISY IS OUR GREATEST LUXURY

"AS ALWAYS. THE ONLY COMMITMENT BEING DEMONSTRATED BY ANYONE TO REMAIN PHYSICALLY NON-VIOLENT IS ON OUR SIDE. THE TIMBER, OIL, AGRICULTURAL, BIOMEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND EVEN ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRIES PROFIT QUITE NICELY FROM PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. SO WHY AREN'T THEY EVER HELD UP TO THE SAME MORAL YARDSTICK THE ALF AND ELF ARE?"

With the recent barrage of ALF, ELF, and now Revolutionary Cells actions this past summer, once again the debate on what is and is not violence or terrorism is being discussed by the animal rights and environmental movements. Responding as the corporate media would like us to, much of the value of any debate is lost when we solely defend property destruction as nonviolent action. No better than the hypothetical question of saving a drowning dog or human baby, asking our movement to defend ALF and ELF tactics to the media is society's way of detracting attention away from the very real physical violence it supports and endorses everyday.

Rarely, if ever, are the war mongers and arms manufacturers, let alone slaughterhouse workers and vivisectionists, asked the same questions. When we are asked to defend illegal direct action that saves, not destroys, life, the questions are posed as if we lived in a nonviolent world where ALF and ELF actions alone were shattering the peace of our supposed civilized society. Yet daily we walk through life in privileged ignorance and apathy to the legalized violence all around us:

Violence inflicted upon the Earth through the coal, hydro-, and nuclear-powered facilities that generate the electricity we co-depend upon; violence against indigenous peoples, animals and the environment to extract and burn the fossil fuels that power our cars;

violence committed by the polluting and animal-torturing companies that produce an endless stream of unnecessary luxuries; and the violence our police and military forces exercise daily across the globe to supposedly protect our "freedom" to live in such a violent way.

When CNN or FOX TV asks whether we are seeing an increase in violence, the answer is yes, but not from our side. As always, the only commitment being demonstrated by anyone to remain physically nonviolent is on our side. The timber, oil, agricultural, biomedical, pharmaceutical, and even entertainment industries profit quite nicely from physical violence, so why aren't they ever held up to the same moral yardstick the ALF and ELF are?

It is obvious that our society values property more than life. But the roots of justifying violence to create such a society require deeper understanding. Most humans abandoned, either through choice or force, the value system taught to our ancestors thousands of years ago. These moral lessons instruct us to live in harmony with our environment, as if all other forms of life matter, as they surely do. Turning away from seeing animals and even rocks and trees, as entities unto themselves, we abandoned the only true road to peace. The dominating consumerist lifestyle we live in now will never cease to practice and promote violence. You cannot be a capitalist and claim to oppose terrorism and violence, because the foundations of this country were built on blood and terror and the exploitation of others both past and present. As



ARMED RESISTANCE. A.I.M. STYLE
WOUNDED KNEE '73

CHILDREN PLAYING 'EZLN'

I've seen what goes on behind the laboratory doors of places like Huntington Life Sciences and I'd be a hypocrite to say I wouldn't want to plant a bomb to stop it. It's far past time for tolerance of animal abusers, rapists and child molesters in our society and, if necessary, those people should live in greater fear that what they do to others might be done to them. Historically, such logic is all that could prevent genocide. I wish the abusers and destroyers could be reached with a more passive approach. But for many blinded by the wealth and power they amass through the exploitation of others, only through fearing for their own life will they begin to be made conscious to the suffering they inflict on others. This isn't my value system though; it's the one we're forced to fight under and the same one that now makes those September 11th flag wavers opposed to the war in Iraq only because now *their* sons and daughters are being killed.

Frederick Douglass, they want crops without the thunder and the rain, the ocean without its tumultuous roar. In failing to support actions that cause no injury, except to life-destroying property, we fail to live up to our own belief in the rights of other species. We describe the violence, ramble off the numbers, but rarely do we admit our own inaction to defend animal life and our Earth as if it were our own. The loudest critics of the ALF and ELF are often those who claim to adhere to a value system that believes in equal rights for all species.

I offer no apologies for the ALF, ELF, Revolutionary Cells, Zapatistas, Palestinian Intifada, Irish Republican Army or Iraqi Fallayajah resistance movements, because only when we ourselves have been the victims of real violence can we realize its impact and begin to understand why others must justify its use to defend their families and homes. Far from being terrorism, such acts are the only avenue left available as self defense. These are actions that most people would engage in if it were their homes and families being destroyed.

THE EARTH AND HER THREATENED ANIMAL NATIONS
DESERVE THE SAME LEVEL OF DEFENSE THAT WE
SUPPORT WHEN HUMAN LIFE IS THREATENED. OTHERWISE
WE ARE JUST MORE HYPOCRITES WANTING CHANGE
WITHOUT THE RISK AND SACRIFICE THAT IS ALREADY
BEING MADE BY OTHERS.

Claiming to adhere to a code of nonviolence in this country is the privilege of those separated and unaffected by the violence carried out in our name. If we were opposing a Buddhist power structure, maybe there would be a chance for Gandhian nonviolence. But unfortunately, the society we live in takes little notice of the oppressed unless we accompany our efforts with direct action. That's the lesson my indigenous warrior ancestors were

Such individuals and organizations demonstrate a level of speciecism every bit as destructive as that they oppose. In the words of liberated slave

Yes, I think it can, due to prison sentences and the stress of risking imprisonment, even if a person is never caught.

recently, I'm not sure that's an entirely stress-free activity!)

Often movement opponents of direct action are under the impression ALF activists and their supporters see direct action as the “only” viable form of changing industries. How much of a role do you think direct action should play tactically within the whole of the animal rights movement in relation to that of education and legislation?

I can understand why this is the case, because at one time myself and many others within the ALF used to proclaim that direct action was the only way. That's not at all my view these days though.

I think the role of direct action varies according to the particular area of animal abuse which is being targeted, and sometimes education can be much more important. Sometimes random attacks can achieve a great deal, but I think this depends very much on the target. It could be argued that all ALF attacks achieve something. But I think we have to consider what is the best way of campaigning against particular forms of animal abuse - and that isn't always direct action.

For instance, with the meat industry (and all the horrors that are connected with it, such as factory farming) I would argue that public education is a better tactic than direct action, because it's an area where consumer choice can make a massive

espousing different approaches. In the multiple decades you have been actively fighting for animal liberation, how have you dealt with criticism from other activists and groups, and what advice can you offer those who are charting out new and perhaps controversial territory?

In the early days I was really down on anyone who dared criticize the ALF. Now I'm much more tolerant of anyone who's campaigning to make things better for the animals, no matter how they are trying to do it or what their views are on ALF actions. My advice to anyone considering embarking on any animal liberation campaign would be to think carefully about the whole thing. Mistakes have been made in the past where people have just charged ahead without thinking, and the most successful campaigns have generally been those that have been well thought out before being launched.

Do you find the vitriol directed towards acts of direct action by the media to be concerning and a failure on our part to change this. Or do you see it as typical of how the press has always treated revolutionary social movements? In your opinion will this negative press coverage of certain direct actions carry over and hurt the overall animal rights cause?

I'm not particularly concerned about or at all surprised by the vitriolic treatment of direct action by most sections of the media. The media, in general, represents big business (including animal abuse businesses) and the status quo, so will, of course, try to vilify those it considers a threat. I think we might well have cause to worry if such vilification didn't occur, because that would mean that the animal liberation movement wasn't having much effect.

I don't think there's really anything we can do to change it and I don't think we should worry about it. There's also a sense in which it can be positive. The more terrifying animal liberation activists are made out to be by the media, the more animal abusers will be afraid of the animal liberation movement and the more likelihood they will give up persecuting animals out of fear of what *might* happen to them.

I don't think the hysterical coverage by the media of certain direct actions particularly harms the overall animal liberation struggle. It may stop certain people donating money to animal protection organizations, if they can't distinguish between them and the direct action groups, but I don't think it would stop anyone from changing their own lives to avoid animal abuse, such as by becoming vegetarian or vegan for instance.

The US movement in the past five years has seen a number of activists break under interrogation and “grass” out other activists. From your own experience, how damaging can this betrayal be, and what sort of policy do you think activists should adhere to when dealing with someone who has grassed, but would like a second chance?

It can be very damaging if it leads to good activists



I BELIEVE IT IS FAR BETTER TO LIVE FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION THAN TO DIE FOR IT.

Of the other five people involved in the formation of the Band of Mercy (which later became the ALF), one I've totally lost touch with and three of the other four are involved in animal rescue work (and as far as I know are still vegetarian or vegan). One, Sue Smith, had still been involved in direct action (as well as animal rescue and healing) but sadly died last year from a mystery illness.

I think there comes a time for all ALF activists when they feel, for one reason or another, that they can no longer take the risk of spending time in prison. Sadly, some seem to disappear from the animal rights movement completely when this happens. The advice I would give concerning this is that direct action is not the be all and end all of everything and there are plenty of very important ways in which a person can help the cause of animal liberation without risking imprisonment.

I don't think it's just ALF activists who can suffer burn-out though. It can happen to anyone who devotes a lot of time and energy to campaigning against animal persecution. My advice would be that such people should not be afraid to take a break now and again to recharge their batteries. It's important to have some sort of hobby or interest to relax with and take your mind off the struggle every so often. Mine is watching soccer (although with the way the team I support has been playing

difference to the fate of the animals and we aren't really going to have much effect on the meat industry unless a lot more people become vegetarian (or, preferably, vegan). It's an area where a massive amount of education remains to be done, as most people are unaware of the arguments for vegetarianism and of what really happens to animals that are reared for food.

Vivisection for so-called medical purposes is the other side of the coin. The power of ordinary people as consumers can't realistically be used to stop it, as people just aren't going to boycott drugs made by vivisection companies. Therefore, the vivisectors have to be directly dissuaded from experimenting on animals and ALF actions are obviously playing a part in this.

With regard to legislation, I feel the situation is rather different. I think we should campaign for legislation to outlaw all forms of animal abuse. But we also need to work hard at other ways of ending animal persecution outside of the legislative process (either through public education or by putting direct pressure on animal abusers), because we should never have faith in the politicians to come up with the goods.

Movement cohesion can be somewhat of a struggle in its own right, with different factions

how it was done:

one more runway wrecked...

A BRIEF TALE OF ONE TIP, TWO MATES, AND THREE HOURS OF MISERY FOR THE FUR INDUSTRY



action that would be quiet but effective (the security station was only 100 meters away). We began with the most expensive thing we could find, enormous speakers (seriously must have been 6' high) and stereo system hidden behind another set of curtains. One by one we slashed all the front of them, clipped the cables connecting them to the main console, and wreaked havoc on the control panel with help of a nearby bucket of water. There was no way any euro-trash disco music would be pulled

The year was 2000 and the London anti-fur campaigns were well into full swing. Zwirns Fur Shop was receiving all day vigils (and was only months away from closing), numerous other High Street shops were having their furs destroyed on quite a consistent basis, and the dog and cat fur trade was at the brink of being exposed. The big push the fur industry was making to get these hideous garments back onto the racks was being met with an equally aggressive resistance.

With only two days notice before the show, a local group began making plans to demonstrate, while a friend and I had other ideas. The day prior to the show we managed to locate the industrial centre where the show was meant to take place. It was a rather derelict looking building. The facility was guarded by two security knobs, and it looked like a movie set was being built within. Scoping the place out during the day was harder than we had anticipated, so we returned later that night, prepared for whatever possibility we might find, with a rucksack filled with a trusty crowbar, red spray paint, industrial strength glue, bolt-cutters, thick black gloves, and two ballies.

As Luck would have it, after clearing a twelve foot high fence, the razor-wire atop it, and the rather polluted canal immediately at our side, we found a back way into the building through the air ventilation system. Shimming through we came in behind a huge black curtain, and on the other side was a whole theatre-type set up. Approximately 200 chairs were assembled in a U shape surrounding a rocky runway and a large ramp leading up to a second level (which we assume the models were meant to walk down, glamorously no less).

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Next we moved onto the dressing rooms of the models and proceeded to smash as many mirrors as we could, and spraypainted "Fur Hag" onto several others. What makeup units we found were all coated with a thick layer of blood-red paint. "FUR SHAME" was left on the door going in and out, and we clipped as many electricity cables for lights as we could find (Fur is from the "Dark Ages" right?).

We left gigantic anti-fur messages throughout the show area, and on the main backdrop behind the runway we spraypainted the biggest ALF you have ever seen. These fur wankers are a bit dim, so we wanted to make sure we left a clear calling card.

All along the runway on the main level and going up to the second level were long florescent lights lining it. Carefully we unscrewed a few and jostled others. Next to them we left bits of the wire and cables we had snipped from the speakers below. With what was left of our paint we left a warning message on the wall leading into the show, indicating we had booby-trapped the lighting system.

On our way out the back we took two fire extinguishers we had found and emptied them over all the chairs we could, spraying the white fire retardant everywhere like we were holding champagne bottles. The room was a mess of paint, broken glass, disabled speakers, and white clouds. Our job was done.

The next day the show was delayed by over three hours as the filth called in the bomb squad to look for our "booby-traps." All those waiting to get into the show, fashion writers and celebrities alike (including Icelandic Pop sensation Bjork and fur hag Victoria Beckham) were berated the entire time by the protest group that had assembled around the entrance. The newspapers all picked up on the story and the headline ran everywhere that the ALF destroyed the fur show. The designer's hard work was never noticed as all people talked about was the action. One worried designer heard about what had happened and contacted a local AR group to let them know his show scheduled for later in the week, which was to include fur, no longer would. Not bad for a night on the town with your best mate.

the
"BIG"

Violence and threats of violence have no place in the animal protection movement. We have a supposed ethic supporting compassion and nonviolence, and this alone should eliminate the use or even consideration of violent tactics.

Threats and violence hurt our cause.
THEY VIOLATE OUR ETHICS AND TURN
PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST US.

My anger is further heightened by the fact that, for some thirty years, I was part of the problem. As a former hunter/fisherman I took untold thousands of lives under the guise of being a “sportsman.” Once acknowledging the truth about bloodsports, I also had to accept the burden of guilt for my part in activities that I was now sworn to fight against.

Unable to change my past, I had to decide how to proceed into the future. After initially indulging in loud, and even threatening protests, I found that the use of video documentation and public exposure resulted in far more positive change.

Goals worth attaining rarely come easy. It is far simpler to put together loud and obnoxious, but often meaningless, protests, or to commit an unlawful act than to put together a high-tech undercover operation to document abuses, or to build and operate a fleet of public display vehicles. Mere venting should not be equated with achievement, and venting hate and committing violent acts lead to ultimate failure.

SHARK, our organization, has enjoyed many successes. Our method is simply to give people an opportunity to see an issue with their own eyes, and then make up their own minds. They almost always side with us. They don't have to believe our rhetoric, and after seeing the evidence for themselves, they won't believe the opposition's.

Documentation and exposure produce the changes we want. If our movement spent more of its resources in this direction, we would reap far more results for our nonhuman friends.

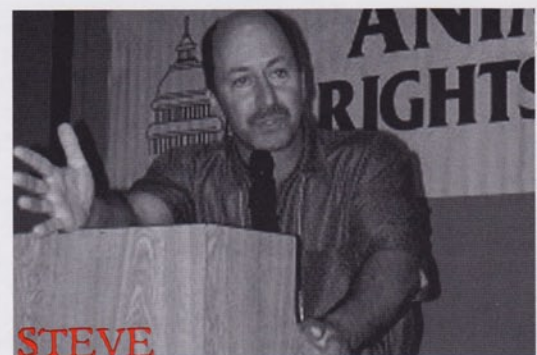
I am reminded of the line in the Quentin Tarantino movie *Reservoir Dogs* in which one character, Vic, challenges someone who is chastising him with, "Are you going to bark all day, little doggie, or are you going to bite?"

That's a great line. We've all seen the little lap dogs who make a lot of noise, but don't get much done in the way of protecting their turf or advancing their cause. Then there are the big dogs that just get down to business. They don't jump around

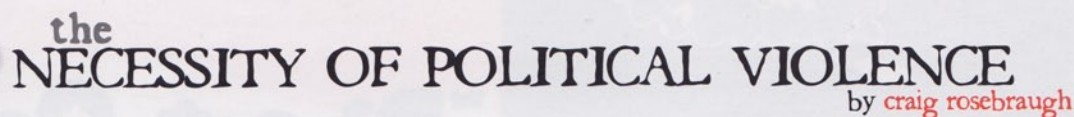
and yap – they simply go for the throat. In animal protection, documenting and publicly exposing animal abuse is the equivalent of going for the throat.

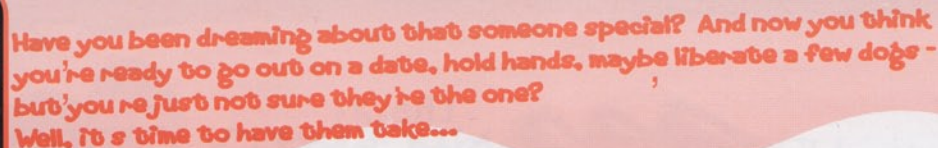
I urge this movement to take the “big dog” approach. Let our video cameras silently devastate our opposition as we document their abuses. Let the only noise anyone hears be the rumble of our video fleets bringing the truth to the masses, and the subsequent outcry of those masses for change.

Threats and violence hurt our cause. They violate our ethics and turn public opinion against us. Those committing these acts play right into our opposition's hands. Instead, let's get down to business by documenting and exposing abuses, and hang abusive individuals, corporations and government agencies out to dry.

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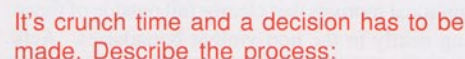


What is your greatest fear about your activism?

- A.** That the AR2004 bar scene will not be an effective networking arena.
- B.** That the direct action people are totally gonna ruin the way Fox News views animal rights. Its just not fair!
- C.** Having the timer fail.

Where do you go shopping for all your activist needs?

- A.** Aveda and Origins have the best non-animal-tested skin and hair products on the market.
- B.** My local collectively run, food coop/ info shop/ bike repair clinic/ holistic community events center. Here I can stock up on recycled cardboard boxes to use as signs, and chalk for when I am feeling super militant.
- C.** Home Depot. "Ok, paint stripper, crowbar, and spraypaint – will that be cash or credit?"



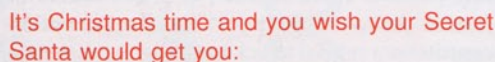
- A.** First and last stop – check in with the development director and see how the decision will impact fundraising programs.
- B.** Call a meeting of your affinity group, introduce the issue as a process point (and totally make sure an equal number of men and women have already spoken) and have a twinkle yea or nay on the matter.
- C.** No animal gets left behind. Free them all!

To you, Animal Liberation means:

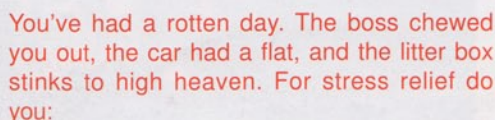
- A.** Let's see, both the DC and LA AR2003 conference, Pam Anderson and Bill Maher, oh – and that cute little democrat named Kucinich.
- B.** Everything John Lennon was totally trying to achieve with *Imagine*.
- C.** Doing whatever it takes. It is that simple.

While on a cross country trip with some friends, you pass some rather large scale factory farms lining the road way. Do you:

- A.** Make a mental note of the location so, upon a later date, you can notify the local town council of the gross stench you had to experience while speeding by in your Mercedes SUV.
- B.** Find the local Earth First group and totally hold a drum circle / protest in resistance to such institutionalized-corporate-capitalistic-hegemonic practices, man.
- C.** Take as many photos of the suffering as possible before proceeding to torch every non-occupied building and vehicle on the premises.



- A.** One of those nifty cards reading “A donation has been made in your name to the Sierra Club.” They are, like, so fashionable this season.
- B.** Non-animal tested face makeup so you can totally strip down and run around naked as a “freed tiger” at your next circus protest.
- C.** Twenty feet of fuse wire.



- A.** Dip into your latest Pangea order of vegan organic wine. You earned it!
- B.** Whip out the yoga mat, then totally douse yourself in lavender oil and meditate until you can hear Buddha calling you home.
- C.** Spit right in the face of the first fur wearing hag you pass. Right in the kisser too – a really runny, nasty, snotty snag. You know the kind.


For reading pleasure you particularly enjoy:

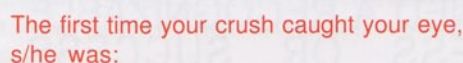
- A.** The latest HSUS mailer. Oh-my-god, did you know Senator Givememoney voted to give factory farm chickens 3 more inches?!
- B.** Sataya totally has the coolest interview with one of those Krishna dudes. Super deep!
- C.** Ingrid Newkirk's *Free The Animals* followed by *Rage and Reason*. by Michael Tobias.

The way I see animal rights political prisoners...

- A.** What are political prisoners? You mean like Amnesty International?
- B.** It's sad. If only they could love the animal-abusers, like I do, we could totally start a Gandhian revolution.
- C.** Those lucky bastards get a needed break from the frontlines.

Your idea of a great workout would be:

- A.** Stairmaster, thigh-master, Bowflex, and definitely Gazelle.
- B.** Totally indulging in a pint of Tofutti after a pilates class!
- C.** Being chased by a pimply security guard through a cornfield, carrying two beagle puppies.
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- A.** Writing the biggest check you have ever seen to the World Wildlife Fund!
- B.** Being cut out of an “octopus” lockdown and his/her dreads were so totally hot!
- C.** Demonstrating the proper way to carry chickens during a raid.

After months of flirting, your dinner date finally chooses:

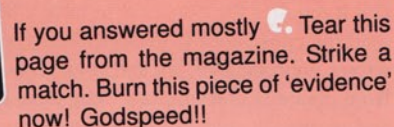
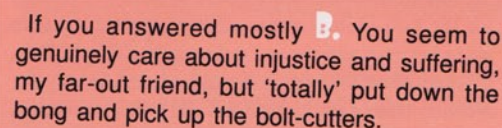
4. Organic, Omega-3 rich, salmon rather than factory farm beef.
5. Makes you a plate of brown rice and plain tofu, and romantically wipes your face with hemp napkins. You are both totally so connected!
6. Remembers to put soy creamer in your coffee as you two sit quietly on a recon.



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- A.** Attending the Genesis Awards. Sure it's \$1000 a plate, but Alicia Silverstone will be at our table.
- B.** Having an intimate dinner with Peter Singer and totally connecting on why direct action is bad, and bestiality is good.
- C.** Rod Coronado and a "quiet drive in the country."

Find out how your new friend made out!

If you answered mostly **A**. Get back to work Wayne Pacelle. HSUS is not paying you a six-figure salary to take some magazine quiz.





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